GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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SETTING UP OF RADIO AND TELEVISION TOWERS
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to set up Radio and TV towers in the country during 2007-2008 and 2008-2009;

(b) if so the details thereof, State-wise;

(c) the total cost likely to be involved for establishing such towers;

(d) the number of cities where such towers have not been set up till date along with the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. DASMUNSI)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details are at Annexure.

(c) The total estimated cost in respect of All India Radio is 182 cores. The same in respect of Doordarshan is 198.37 crores.

(d) The criteria followed by the Government for establishment of Radio and TV transmitters include factors such as extent of resultant coverage to urban and rural population; provision of coverage to tribal, hilly, remote and border areas; terrain conditions etc., and it has no linkage to the number of cities.

(e) Multi channel Radio and TV coverage has been provided in the entire country (except A&N Islands) through Doordarshan`s free to air DTH service `DD Direct Plus`.